

BOOK NOTICES

Electricity as a Career

A high-school boy discusses his future with his father. While they are agreed on an electrical career, the methods involved in acquiring the proper training for any branch of this wide field are unknown to both of them. They enlist the aid of leading men (superintendents, etc.) in various fields: electrical engineering, radio, telegraphy, telephony, etc., who take them through plants and laboratories, and tell them of the preparation required for the different positions and the advantages accruing therefrom (disadvantages do not seem to be mentioned). No definite conclusion is reached, but the material is presented in very interesting form. The book is concluded with a list of electrical schools and colleges, radio schools, and welding schools. It is surprising to note that M. I. T. is relegated to the last named category.—J. B. GREEN.

Electrical Occupations, by L. A. Klinefelter. New York, E. P. Dutton & Co., 1937.

Termites

The authors have put scientific fact in plain understandable language so that many who might not otherwise know the interesting facts concerning the life, habits, and behavior of the termites can read of them in this interesting presentation. Although supposedly a book for young people, it is well adapted to older people who will find it quite entertaining. The tropical jungle is used as a setting for the discussion of the nest with its galleries, the casts, the daily activities and social life, their fossil ancestors, mating and reproduction, their guests and enemies.—D. M. DELONG.

Termite City, by Alfred E. Emerson and Eleanor Fish. Foreword by William Beebe. 127 pp. New York, Rand McNally & Co., 1937. \$1.50.

Mountain Geography

Whether you are interested in mountains as places for recreation and adventure, or as land forms that present a variety of problems concerning types, agricultural possibilities, land utilization, or social and political regimes, Dr. Peattie's book is sure to stimulate your thinking, and afford a guide to the apprehension and appreciation of the multitude of environmental factors that influence mountain geography. Here is a pioneer book written for American students giving a broad survey of the results of long continued studies of European mountains, with carefully selected bibliographical notes. As stated in the publisher's note, the author makes "no attempt to preach determinism," but hopes to revive the interest of geographers in "the importance of environment rather than to confine themselves to man's part in reforming the environment."

—E. N. TRANSEAU.

Mountain Geography, a Critique and Field Study, by Roderick Peattie. xiv+257 pp. Cambridge, Mass., Harvard University Press. \$4.00.

Cicadellidae

A check list of the family Cicadellidae in North America has just been published in mimeographed form. It comprises 145 genera and more than 1800 species as mentioned in literature up to September, 1937, with distribution records and citations to the original descriptions. Included in the publication is an index to genera arranged phylogenetically.

The booklet is neatly mimeographed and well bound in a serviceable heavy paper cover.—R. H. DAVIDSON.

Check List of the Cicadellidae (Homoptera) of North America, by Dwight M. DeLong and John S. Caldwell. 95 pp. Published by the authors, 1937. Price, \$1.25. Copies may be obtained by writing Irena S. Winterrowd, Dept. of Zoology and Entomology, Ohio State University.